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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Timothy Gotelaere, 41, of Superior, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 210 months in prison for committing bank robbery. Additionally, she ordered Gotelaere to serve five years of supervised release following his term of imprisonment and to pay restitution in the amount of \$3210.00. Gotelaere pleaded guilty to this charge on October 26, 2006.

On June 6, 2006, Gotelaere went to the Superior Community Credit Union in Superior, Wisconsin, showed the teller what appeared to be a gun in his waistband, and demanded money. Gotelaere fled the credit union, but his vehicle got stuck on railroad tracks near the credit union. Gotelaere fled from his vehicle, but was later apprehended by police in the area. The police found Gotelaere's identification and a receipt for the purchase of a toy pistol in the vehicle.

The charges against Gotelaere were the result of an investigation conducted by Superior Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Reinhard.

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